

I am writing to strongly urge you to end your contract with Wildlife Services and implement a non-lethal coexistence program.

I am so appalled to hear that every year for nearly nine decades Wildlife Services has killed thousands of wild animals with traps, guns, and other cruel methods, largely on the behest of private ranchers and other agricultural interests. This is not the correct, or moral, approach to the Public Trust Doctrine, which maintains that wildlife is held in public trust and that we all have a say in how our wildlife is treated.

Additionally, non-target species-including imperiled wildlife, and domestic dogs and cats-fall victim to the Wildlife Services' lethal approach.

It is time for a change in policy. Mountain lions, bears, coyotes, bobcats and other species targeted by Wildlife Services are ecologically vital species. The site-specific and cumulative impacts of their removal on ecosystem health can be profound.

Mendocino County is a beautiful place to live and to visit. Please do the right thing and establish a Non-Lethal Wildlife Damage Management Program to be administered locally.

Thank you for your time, and attention to this matter.

Gayna Lamb-Bang

Davis, CA